

# Project 3: Classification

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## 1 Introduction

This project is to implement machine learning methods for the task of classification of 28\*28 grayscale handwritten digit image and identify it as a digit among 0, 1, 2, ... , 9. This problem is implemented using Logistic regression, Random Forest, Neural Networks and Support Vector Machine algorithms.

## 2 Data Extraction

The classification models are trained using MNIST dataset and tested using both MNIST and USPS dataset.

**MNIST Dataset :** The MNIST dataset has 70,000 input sample with 784 feature vectors. 80 percent of input samples is used for training and 20 percent is used for testing and validation.

**USPS Dataset :** The USPS dataset has 20,000 input sample with 784 feature vectors. This data is tested against MNIST trained model and performance is recorded.

## 3 Logistic Regression

Logistic Regression is a machine learning classification algorithm that is used to predict the output given an input. It is implemented using Gradient Descent and the model is trained using MNIST dataset. It is given by formula

$$y(x, w) = \text{Softmax}(w^T X) \quad (1)$$

### 3.1 Results on changing HyperParameters

1. **Case 1 : Experimenting with HyperParameter Lamda** Below is the graph representing the change in accuracy with respect to lamda for USPS and MNIST dataset. The accuracy is compared with lambda values for both gradient descent and Mini-batch SGD implementations

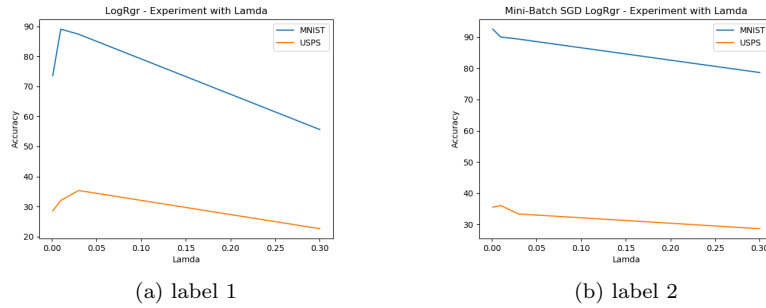


Figure 1: Accuracy wrt Lamda

## 2. Case 2 : Experimenting with HyperParameter Learning rate

Below graph represents the change in accuracy with respect to learning rate.

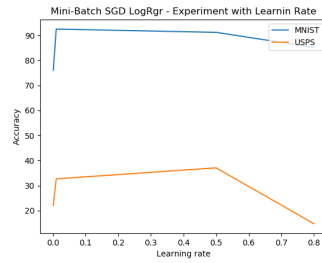


Figure 2: Accuracy with respect to Learning rate

## 3.2 Results Obtained

Accuracy obtained for Logistic regression using MNIST test dataset is significantly higher than USPS dataset. Mini-batch SGD performs better than gradient descent implementation.

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-----Gradient Descent Solution-----
learning rate 0.1
Lambda 0.001
Accuracy Training   = 92.14333
Accuracy Validation = 92.89
Accuracy Testing MNIST = 92.15
Accuracy Testing USPS  = 35.12176
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Figure 3: Accuracy - Logistic Regression

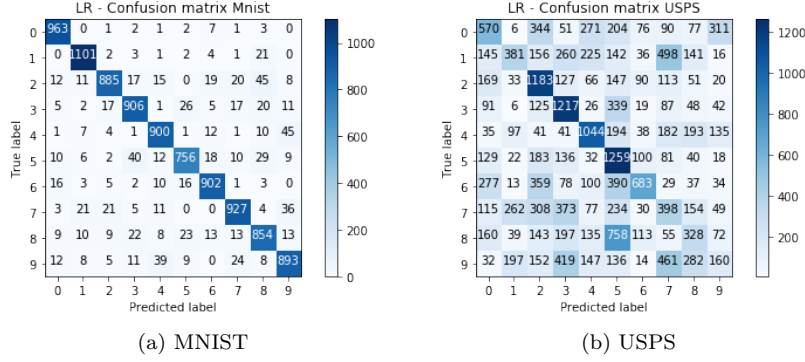


Figure 4: Confusion Matrix

## 4 Neural Networks

The given classification problem is implemented using neural networks with multiple layers and performance in each case is recorded.

### 4.1 Results on changing HyperParameters

1. **Case 1 : Experimenting with Layers** The performance of model improved with initial increase in layers, However it degraded with more complex network. Below is the graph depicting the variations in accuracy with respect the change in layers.

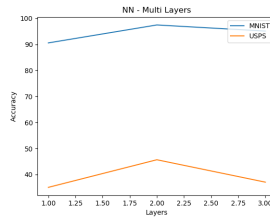


Figure 5: Accuracy with change in Layers

2. **Case 2 : Experimenting with HyperParameter Dropout** Below graph represents the change in accuracy with respect to dropout rate.

### 4.2 Results Obtained

NN solution performs better than all other implementation and gives an accuracy of 97.5% for MNIST dataset and 45% for USPS test dataset.

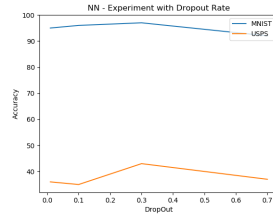


Figure 6: Accuracy with respect to Dropout rate

acc: 0.9773  
10000/10000 [=====]

Mnist Results

loss,accuracy = 0.09199987046285059 , 97.77

USPS Results

19999/19999 [=====] - 8s 18us/step  
loss,accuracy = 6.953196663624991 , 40.2970148504445

(a) MNIST

(b) USPS

Figure 7: Accuracy

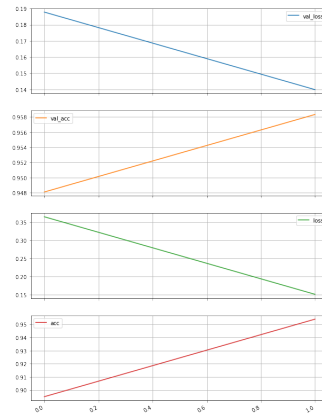
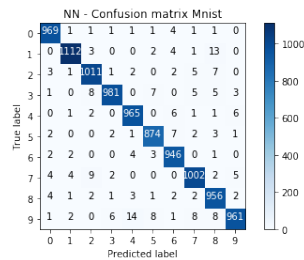
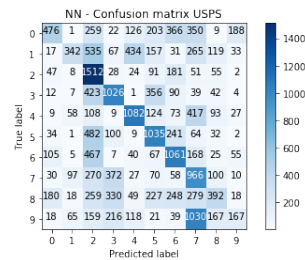


Figure 8: Accuracy and Loss



(a) MNIST



(b) USPS

Figure 9: Confusion Matrix

## 5 Random Forest

The given classification problem is implemented using Random Forest classification problem using sklearn RandomForestClassifier package. A random forest is an estimator which fits multiple decision tree classifiers over sub-samples of dataset.

### 5.1 Experimenting with HyperParameter Estimator

Estimators is the measure of number of trees in the forest and the accuracy of the model increased steadily with increase in number of estimators. Below is the graph depicting the variations in accuracy with respect the change in estimators.

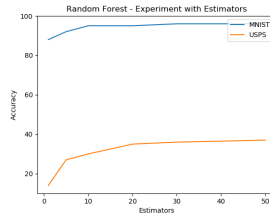


Figure 10: Accuracy with change in Estimators

### 5.2 Confusion Matrix

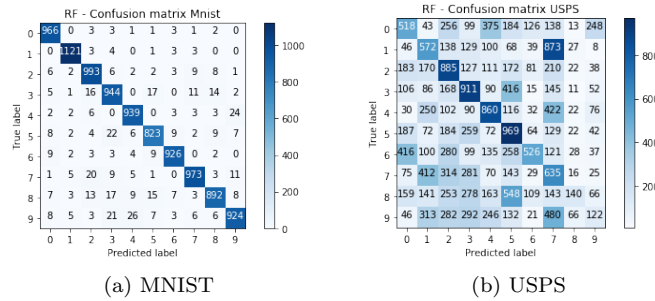


Figure 11: Confusion Matrix

### 5.3 Results Obtained

RF solution performs better than logistic regression. Below is a table showing the accuracy obtained for MNIST and USPS test dataset

Dataset	Accuracy
MNIST	96.2
USPS	36.4

## 6 Support Vector Machine

The given classification problem is implemented sklearn.svm package.

### 6.1 Experimenting with different settings

1. **case 1:** Using linear kernel (all other parameters are kept default).  
**Accuracy Obtained : 95.43**
2. **case 2:** Using radial basis function with value of gamma setting to 1 (all other parameters are kept default).  
**Accuracy obtained : 17.56**
3. **case 3:** Using radial basis function with value of gamma setting to default (all other parameters are kept default).  
**Accuracy obtained : 94.34**

### 6.2 Confusion Matrix

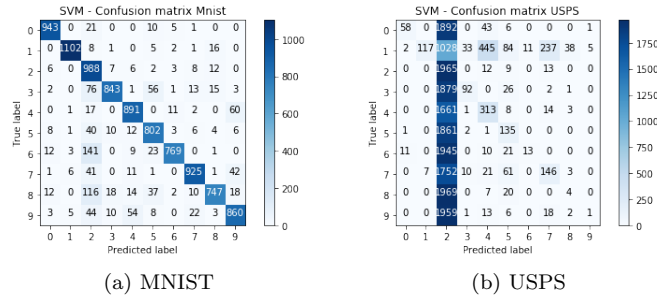


Figure 12: Confusion Matrix

### 6.3 Results Obtained

Support Vector Machine solution performs better than logistic regression and performs poor over USPS dataset. Below is a table showing the accuracy obtained for MNIST and USPS test dataset.

Dataset	Accuracy
MNIST	96.65
USPS	20.98

## 7 Inferences

### 7.1 Compliance with “No Free Lunch” theorem

The “No Free Lunch” theorem states that there is no one model that works best for every problem. This is very evident from the results of USPS test dataset with accuracy of no more than 45% over the model trained with MNIST dataset. Below is graph comparing the accuracy obtained using USPS and MNIST dataset using different classifiers.

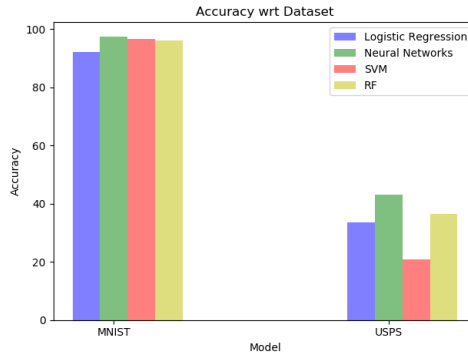


Figure 13: Accuracy and Loss

### 7.2 Analysis of Confusion Matrix

Confusion Matrix is generated for each of the classifiers using `sklearn.metrics.confusion_matrix` package. It is used to evaluate the quality of the output of a classifier.

1. The diagonal elements represent the number of points for which the predicted label is equal to the true label.
2. The off-diagonal elements are those that are mislabeled by the classifier.
3. The higher the diagonal values of the confusion matrix the better, indicating many correct predictions.

This is evident from the below confusion matrix and classification report of Neural networks. The diagonal elements are high which represent the true positives. The classification report represents the precision and recall scores. Precision is the number of correct predictions of class over total number of predictions of the class. Recall is the number of predictions of class over total number of expected predictions.

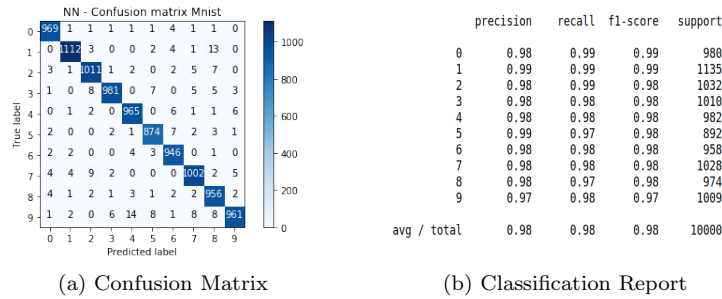


Figure 14: Neural Networks

### 7.3 Ensemble Classifier

Ensemble classifier is used to combine the predictions of several base classifiers built with a given learning algorithm in order to improve robustness over a single estimator.

It performs better than Logistic Regression and performance and performance is similar to SVM and RF over MNIST test dataset.

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-----ENSEMBLE CLASSIFIER-----

MNIST Accuracy = 94.87
USPS Accuracy = 34.24171208560428

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Figure 15: Ensemble Classifier

## 8 Conclusion

In this project, An ensemble of four classifiers for a given task is implemented and the results of the individual classifiers are combined to make a final decision.

## References

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